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HOWZAT

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Thursday 6th March

7 out of 9 through

3 out of the 4 senior teams have made it through to this season's finals series. Congratulations to A, C & D grades and good luck this weekend in your games.

Bad luck to B grade on missing out, hopefully it can give you a bit of motivation to make the finals next year. You still have a part to play in the finals though with a few changes to occur this week, so a couple of you will have the opportunity to play in an A Grade final. You can also give a hand at training during the finals.

An excellent result with the juniors also, with the Under 16, 14 Blue and 12 Competition teams all making the finals. Under 14 Maroon are also playing in a second tier of finals (venue unknown at time of printing). The Under 12 development team finished 3rd but do not play finals. Get down and support them this week before your game.

Just remember that the finals aren't much different to every other game. If we can bat out the 80 overs and bowl tight we should be able to win the game. When in the finals all the teams are pretty similar in ability and it's the ones who can just continue what they've done all year and not worry about anything else that wins the games. So play your normal game on the weekend, and good luck.

This Weeks matches:

A Grade vs Greensborough at Greensborough. Afternoon tea on Sunday.

C Grade vs Heidelberg West at Home. Afternoon tea on Saturday.

D Grade vs Clifton Hill at Home. Afternoon tea on Sunday.

U16s vs Heidelberg at Home.

U14 Blue vs Heidelberg at Home.

U12s vs Rosanna at Heidelberg West.

Events

Thursday 24th April – Senior Presentation Night.

At the Heidelberg Golf Club again this year so dress to impress. The cost will be \$45 per adult, \$35 for under 18s includes dinner, beer, wine and soft drink. Kicking off at 7:30 with last drinks at 11:30. Invitations will be sent out soon, numbers must be confirmed by the 16th of April. (Menu further on in Howzat)



TV's ute gets tested - all aboard the finals band-wagon.

Special Mentions

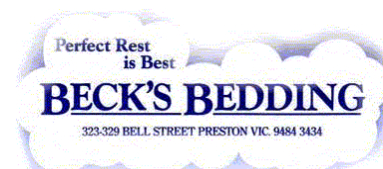
- Club stalwart, life member and B Grade captain Brad "BB" Bowler has announced his retirement from cricket. Good luck to you and your gardening Brad and we hope to see you on a Saturday arvo with a beer next season!
- Thanks to Philo, Veally, Big Dave and Banga for organising the trivia night. A great night had by all.

Beck's Bedding- Mis-Quote of the Week...

Been a big couple of weeks for quotes, but we're sick of hearing from Ocka so we've gone for someone different this week!

"Who are Australia playing, Bambibia?" – Scott Butler on geography. He might want an atlas for his birthday to look up Namibia.

"You know money pays for everything you pay for!!" – Scott Butler on economics.



Play of the Week

This weeks play of the week goes to new recruit Steve Elworthy's dad. After a rain delay on Saturday, Edinburgh were trying to sweep the pitch with a kitchen broom and not doing a good job. Luckily a house across the road was having a garage sale and Snowy's dad walked in and asked if we could borrow their broom! Their reply was yes, as long as you come back and buy \$5 worth of stuff!

A side note to that was when Crawfo returned the broom. We were waiting on the ground for the batsmen to come out and we realised Crawfo wasn't on the ground. He was still at the garage sale chatting to the owners.

Interview with a Vampire

Name: Garry Chapman

Age: 48

Playing weight: 88 kg

Star Sign: Leo

Job: Teacher at Ivanhoe Grammar with Jed

Brothers/sisters: 1 Brother, Rod

Marital status: Married to Marg

Marital aids: Viagra

Republican or Monarchist: Republican

Hobbies outside cricket: Music and DVDs

Favourite TV show: Frontline

Favourite movie: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Favourite beer: VB

Favourite meal: Indian

Next favourite beer: James Boag

Favourite drink: Shiraz

Favourite band: Santana

Least favourite beer: Eagle Beer I drank in India

Favourite song: Stairway to Heaven

Outside love interests: The lead singer from The Corrs

Animal that best describes you: Sloth

TV character that best describes you: Homer Simpson

Dream rotten egg victim: John Howard

Dream date: The lead singer from The Corrs

Synchronised swimming? No way

Worst bowler to face at training: Brad Russell

Why: You never knew where the next ball was coming

Dream player to bowl bouncers at: Michael Bevan

Why: They say he can't play short-pitched stuff

Highest score for Banyule: 86 n.o. vs Rosanna

Best bowling haul for Banyule: 7 for 25 vs Rosanna

Ambitions for 02-03 season: To watch a bit of the World Cup on the telly

Most admired players at the club: Neal Butterworth & Merv Anderson

Best Banyule player seen: Ando

Biggest disappointment at BCC: Losing the 1990-91 Grand Final by 1 run in my final game

Most memorable moment at BCC: 51 not out in 3 8-ball overs in 1978 vs Briar Hill

Best birthday prezzy ever: Collingwood jumper and footy boots when I turned 7

Something you can't live without: Laptop computer

Who wrote Cat in the Hat? Dr Seuss – Theodore Geissel

Name of Australia's worst Test Captain: Kim Hughes

Where did you go to school: Heidelberg Primary School & Banyule High School

Best holiday: Trekking in Nepal

Best bloke to go to a pub with? Roger Gill

Favourite pub: The Gold Diggers Arms – Newtown, Geelong, 1975

Third favourite beer: Crown Lager

If you were stranded on a deserted island, who would you want to be with? A boatbuilder

Favourite pick up line: Like to see my rose tattoo?

Hairstyle tips: I'll have a number one thanks!

Word Associations:

Bears: Has replaced Yules – as in Go Yules! (circa 1978)

Light beer: A necessary evil

Butts: Legend

The sanna's: Easybeats

Cocktail Party: Something from my past

Words of advice: Give away that fast rubbish! (Told to me often by Don Richmond, my skipper, when I decided to give up bowling offies and take up medium pace)

Letters to the Howzat

Received during the week.

It has personally been an honour to play cricket with Brad Bowler for the past 25odd years. His competitiveness, fair play and dogged, feisty attitude for a scrap have made him an endearing fixture at Banyule: always a proud Banyule man. Good luck in retirement Plugger!!

Tim Veal

The following is a snippet from an interview of former HDCA fast bowler Mick Lewis, from the VCA website and also published in the Herald Sun last week.

Matthew Mott: Now back in those days its legend that you inflicted some pretty horrific injuries on a few of the local batsman on the malthoid wickets there. Can you talk us through a few of these stories?

My fondest one is a semi final I played in against a side called Banyule. The year before there was a guy who shouted a bit of abuse at me and a few other guys and it just happened to be that he was playing this game and he came into bat at a pretty crucial stage. A few of the boys reminded me of what he said, what he thought of me and our side, so I proceeded to let one fly, hit him in the ribs and broke a few of them I think. The problem was the ball actually forgot to hit the ground first (Lewis laughs heartily, Mott laughs uneasily!)

BCC Trivia Night 22/2/03

Not since the extravaganza of Messrs. Chowdary & Hunniford many years ago had we felt brave enough to attempt once again the natural enemy of most knucklehead sportsmen: **“The Trivia Night”**.

Large doses of planning and publicity conspired to deliver a full house of almost 100 eager souls keen to discover whether the odd correct answer on the daily Herald Sun trivia would translate into hitherto unknown wells of intelligence.

Sadly, and yes one could say predictably, most went home disappointed, their worst fears confirmed, that yes, the average pot plant has a greater knowledge of current events than they do.

We whipped through the early rounds of General Knowledge and Geography/History faster than a Tiger Woods backswing which brought us to Round 3, the music round, hosted by Veally. Forever this round will go down in infamy as the music world was turned on its head. This round was tough, Molly Meldrum would have settled happily for a five out of 10 and said that’s a job well done. How could they have let George Michael cover as classic a song as The Police’s “Roxanne”? If they want Abba and Grease soundtracks they should have gone to a Karaoke bar Veally was heard to mumble later.

Tables began to languish at this point. Doc’s started out very poorly and decided that it was a standard they could safely manage for the rest of the night.

On with the questions covering topics of sport (yes there were a lot of Olympics questions weren’t there!) and current events. An innovative Banyule Cricket Club General Knowledge topic was thrown at the patrons and although difficult proved fun. In an attempt to gain an advantage people were seen scurrying about the place counting fire extinguishers, identifying the maker of the men’s toilet’s urinal and spotting the brand of beer in Ronny Butler’s bar caricature. Goosy was discovered lying on the floor peering into the toilets in the visitor’s changerooms. Maybe that had nothing to do with the questions, I guess we’ll never know! Well done with that topic Banga.

In a scene reminiscent of a Bruce Springsteen concert it was standing room only as Veally ran another topic, this time identifying actors out of clips of movies played on the television. Half the fun was waiting for Veally to spring forth with a loud cry, “that’s the one, that’s him, pick that guy, the one on the left, no not that one, that one!!” Unfortunately sometimes it was difficult to see if he was pointing at the deer out of “The Deer Hunter” or the blow up copilot out of “Flying High”.

We finished off with a new topic named “The Price is Right”, a bit of a free for all as tables guessed the prices of common grocery items (who said KY jelly isn’t a common grocery item?) with the closest table getting to take the item home. We had a table of junior parents that went home with a shopping cart full, only proving that they probably need to get out a little more.

After a great night of fun, (the only time I think a trivia night’s finished on time) we had our winners. The dominant team who set the pace all night both on the leader board and at the bar was the Beasty, Hunniford and Davis table together with wives and friends who won a dinner to the value of \$300 to be enjoyed at the Royal Garden Chinese Restaurant in Ivanhoe (a loyal sponsor). Second prize won by the table of Brothers Parry, Usha and wives was bottles of wine and courtesy of Craig Hunniford’s Autobahn, eight fluffy dice! Third prize generously donated by Goosy was various items of beer and bourbon merchandise. This went to the table of Greg Barnes, Ando, Marty, Holsty and wives.

A special mention to our table of U/18’s comprising the young Poyser, Kernaghan, both Claptons and Aiden Young together with young lasses Ashlie Barnes and Sian Hartnett who upstaged many of the fancied older folk coming in midfield.

Thank you to all other people who came, we hope you had an enjoyable night. Thanks to those who helped set up tables and worked behind the bar, it was greatly appreciated. We had a lot of fun putting the night on for you and we’ll definitely do it again next year, albeit with some fine tuning. Everybody should probably hit the music shops of Brunswick St Fitzroy for research purposes as soon as possible.

Philo, Dasha, Big Dave and Veally (not bad for a pack of dumb fast bowlers, thank god we had Big Dave with us)

Presentation Night Me & U

A quick run down of the menu for the presentation night for you to salivate over. It will be a buffet style affair, same as last year.

SOUP

Soup of the day

BREADS

Assorted bread display

SALADS

Traditional Caesar Salad

Continental Greek Salad

Pasta Salad with macaroni, English mustard and semi-dried tomato

MEAT SELECTION

Roasted Tenderloin of Porterhouse served with red wine jus

Roasted Loin of Pork with crackle and apple sauce

VEGETABLES

Roasted Potatoes

Assorted Mediterranean Vegetables

DESSERTS

Traditional Homemade Apple Pie served with Vanilla bean custard

Black Forest Gateau served with a rich white chocolate sauce